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MONITORING OF HYDRO- ELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been time and cost-overruns in almost all hydro-Electric projects built so far;

(b) if so, whether the Government has examined thoroughly the reasons behind such delays and cost-overruns;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering to constitute a Task Force for planning and monitoring the project implementation for hydro-electric projects;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be constituted?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : There has been time and cost overruns in execution of some of the hydroelectric projects.

(b) & (c) : A Standing Committee is constituted by the Central Government to examine the reasons for time and cost overruns in any hydroelectric project implemented by a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) and fix responsibility for the same. The main reasons behind time and cost overruns are given below:-

(i) Difficult and in-accessible sites of the hydro electric projects.

(ii) Problems encountered in acquisition of land and delays in handing over of the land to the project authorities.

(iii) Resettlement & rehabilitation problems.

(iv) Geological challenges/surprises encountered in construction of projects in the difficult Himalayan terrain.

(v) Law & order and labour related problems.

(vi) Natural calamities like floods, landslides etc.

(d) : No, Sir. Progress of construction of projects is regularly monitored by the Central Electricity Authority and by the Ministry of Power during the quarterly reviews of CPSUs and as and when any specific project gets delayed.

(e) & (f) : Do not arise.